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## "AN ACT CONCERNING A REPORT BY THE HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE OF CONNECTICUT."

- 1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
- 2 internal references accordingly:
- 3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 19a-750 of the 2012 supplement to
- 4 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
- 5 thereof (*Effective from passage*):
- 6 (b) For purposes of this section and sections 19a-751 to 19a-754,
- 7 inclusive, "authority" means the Health Information Technology
- 8 Exchange of Connecticut and "purposes of the authority" means the
- 9 purposes of the authority expressed in and pursuant to this section,
- 10 including the promoting, planning and designing, developing,
- 11 assisting, acquiring, constructing, maintaining and equipping,
- 12 reconstructing and improving of health care information technology.
- 13 The powers enumerated in this section shall be interpreted broadly to
- 14 effectuate the purposes of the authority and shall not be construed as a

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15 limitation of powers. The authority shall have the power to:

- 16 (1) Establish an office in the state;
- 17 (2) Employ such assistants, agents and other employees as may be
- 18 necessary or desirable, which employees shall [be exempt from the
- 19 classified service and shall not be employees, as defined in subsection
- 20 (b) of section 5-270] not be considered state employees under the
- 21 provisions of chapters 66, 67 and 68;
- 22 (3) Establish all necessary or appropriate personnel practices and
- 23 policies, including those relating to hiring, promotion, compensation,
- 24 retirement and collective bargaining, which need not be in accordance
- 25 with the provisions of chapter 66, 67 or 68, and the authority shall not
- 26 be considered an appointing authority, as defined in subdivision (3) of
- 27 <u>section 5-196, or</u> an employer, as defined in subsection (a) of section 5-
- 28 270;
- 29 (4) Engage consultants, attorneys and other experts as may be
- 30 necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes of the authority;
- 31 (5) Acquire, lease, purchase, own, manage, hold and dispose of
- 32 personal property, and lease, convey or deal in or enter into
- 33 agreements with respect to such property on any terms necessary or
- 34 incidental to the carrying out of these purposes;
- 35 (6) Procure insurance against loss in connection with its property
- and other assets in such amounts and from such insurers as it deems
- 37 desirable;
- 38 (7) Make and enter into any contract or agreement necessary or
- incidental to the performance of its duties and execution of its powers.
- 40 The contracts entered into by the authority shall not be subject to the
- 41 approval of any other state department, office or agency. However,
- 42 copies of all contracts of the authority shall be maintained by the
- 43 authority as public records, subject to the proprietary rights of any
- 44 party to the contract;

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(8) To the extent permitted under its contract with other persons, consent to any termination, modification, forgiveness or other change of any term of any contractual right, payment, royalty, contract or agreement of any kind to which the authority is a party;

- 49 (9) Receive and accept, from any source, aid or contributions, 50 including money, property, labor and other things of value;
- 51 (10) Invest any funds not needed for immediate use or disbursement 52 in obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States of America or 53 the state and in obligations that are legal investments for savings banks 54 in this state;
- 55 (11) Account for and audit funds of the authority and funds of any recipients of funds from the authority;
- 57 (12) Sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, adopt a seal and alter 58 the same at pleasure;
- 59 (13) Adopt regular procedures for exercising the power of the 60 authority not in conflict with other provisions of the general statutes; 61 and
- 62 (14) Do all acts and things necessary and convenient to carry out the 63 purposes of the authority."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	from nassage	19a-750(b)